

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace, without prejudice, all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Canceled)

2. (Currently amended) An indexible turning tool comprising a tool body including a securing portion and a holder projecting from the securing portion, the holder provided with pockets receiving respective replaceable cutting inserts, the pockets arranged wherein indexing of the tool body about an indexing axis brings one of the inserts into an operative cutting position, wherein one of the inserts has a main plane oriented laterally relative to the indexing axis, each of the inserts having a plurality of corners including a radially outermost corner spaced radially farther from the indexing axis than the other corners of the insert, wherein a reference plane oriented perpendicularly to the indexing axis and passing through the radially outermost corner of the one insert is spaced axially from the radial outermost corner of at least one other insert,

wherein the main plane of the at least one insert forms an acute angle α with a perpendicular reference plane oriented perpendicularly to the holder's center axis, wherein the angle α lies in a plane oriented generally tangentially relative to a radius of the holder.

3. (Original) The indexible turning tool according to claim 2 wherein the acute angle is in the range $-45^\circ \leq \alpha \leq +45^\circ$.

4. (Currently amended) An indexible turning tool comprising a tool body including a securing portion and a holder projecting from the securing portion, the holder provided with pockets receiving respective replaceable cutting inserts, the pockets arranged wherein indexing of the tool body about an indexing axis brings one of the inserts into an operative cutting position, wherein one of the inserts has a main plane oriented laterally relative to the indexing axis, each of the inserts having a plurality of corners including a radially outermost corner spaced radially farther from the indexing axis than the other corners of the insert, wherein a reference

plane oriented perpendicularly to the indexing axis and passing through the radially outermost corner of the one insert is spaced axially from the radial outermost corner of at least one other insert,

wherein the at least one insert forms an acute angle β with a perpendicular reference plane oriented perpendicularly to the holder's center axis, wherein the acute angle lies in a plane containing the holder's center axis.

5. (Original) The indexible turning tool according to claim 4 wherein the acute angle is in the range $-45^\circ \leq \beta \leq +45^\circ$.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently amended) The indexible turning tool according to claim ~~[[1]]~~ 2 wherein at least an additional one of the inserts has its main plane oriented laterally relative to the holder's center axis, wherein the inserts whose main planes are oriented laterally of the holder's center axis are configured differently from one another.

9. (Currently amended) An indexible turning tool comprising a tool body including a securing portion and a holder projecting from the securing portion, the holder provided with pockets receiving respective replaceable cutting inserts, the pockets arranged wherein indexing of the tool body about an indexing axis brings one of the inserts into an operative cutting position, wherein one of the inserts has a main plane oriented laterally relative to the indexing axis, each of the inserts having a plurality of corners including a radially outermost corner spaced radially farther from the indexing axis than the other corners of the insert, wherein a reference plane oriented perpendicularly to the indexing axis and passing through the radially outermost corner of the one insert is spaced axially from the radial outermost corner of at least one other insert,

wherein a main plane of at least one of the inserts is oriented substantially parallel to the holder's center axis.

10. (Currently amended) An indexible turning tool comprising a tool body including a securing portion and a holder projecting from the securing portion, the holder provided with pockets receiving respective replaceable cutting inserts, the pockets arranged wherein indexing of the tool body about an indexing axis brings one of the inserts into an operative cutting position, wherein one of the inserts has a main plane oriented laterally relative to the indexing axis, each of the inserts having a plurality of corners including a radially outermost corner spaced radially farther from the indexing axis than the other corners of the insert, wherein a reference plane oriented perpendicularly to the indexing axis and passing through the radially outermost corner of the one insert is spaced axially from the radial outermost corner of at least one other insert,

wherein the number of inserts consists of three, the three inserts being spaced circumferentially about the holder's center axis.

11. (Currently amended) The indexible turning tool according to claim [[1]] 2 wherein respective radial spacings of the inserts from the holder's center axis are different from one another.

12. (Currently amended) The indexible turning tool according to claim [[1]] 2 wherein the inserts are indexible relative to the holder and relative to each other.

13. (Currently amended) The indexible turning tool according to claim [[1]] 2 wherein the holder's center axis is arranged eccentrically with respect to a center longitudinal axis of the securing portion.

14. (Currently amended) The indexible turning tool according to claim [[1]] 2 wherein the holder's center axis coincides with a longitudinal center axis of the securing portion.